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1. The DSNM (Dimitrovski Suyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth) is a mass organization whose fundamental mission is the general enrollment of the youth in the service of the state. This organization, though distinct from the Communist Party, is its support and reserve, since it prepares the Bulgarian youth to the Marxist disciplines. In actual practice, as was the case with the youth associations of the now defunct totalitarian regimes, DSNM is a branch of the party reserved to those who have not reached maturity.
2. The statutes of the DSNM show that its chief aims are the following:
 - a. To educate youth in the spirit of socialism and to mobilize it so that it contributes actively toward rendering the socialist society permanent;
 - b. To help the party mobilize youth in enterprises, establishments, and TKZSs (Trudovo Kooperativno Zemedelsko Stopantsvo; Labor Cooperative Agrarian Farm) and so forth, in order to fulfill production plans, intensify work, observe discipline, develop socialist emulation and the work of the elite, and train young workers;
 - c. To mobilize youth so that it learns science, culture, art, and technical subjects;
 - d. To strive for an improvement of the work and living conditions of youth, as well as for an increase in his material well-being and his cultural level;
 - e. To fight any signs of bureaucracy, waste, laziness, and negligence in enterprises, machine-tractor stations, and TKZSs;
 - f. To lead the youth to practice physical training and sports; and

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g. To cooperate with the missions of the section, city, and rayon committees.

3. It appears evident that the mission of the DSNM is to train youth with a view toward political development and best possible utilization in the progress of socialism. Furthermore, a point should be stressed which was left aside by those who drew up the statutes, but which the Central Committee has emphasized several times, that is the collaboration of DSNM with DOSO (Dobrovolna Organizatsiya za Sudeystvie na Otbrana; National Organization for Defense Assistance). Among the primary objectives of the committees and societies of the DSNM is that of initiating their members to military problems in liaison with and within the sphere of the courses organized by DOSO.

4. The organization of DSNM is very strong. It includes all Bulgarian youth of both sexes. Even children are a part of this organization since, subordinate to the DSNM there is the "Septembrist Pioneers" organization which is open to children who are less than 14 years of age.

5. Any person of either sex, aged from 14 to 26, is eligible to be admitted to the DSNM organizations, provided that he is sponsored by two members of this organization or one member of the Communist Party. Admission to the DSNM is, in principle, free to all. However, certain studies must be followed, in particular that of pharmacy, in order to become a member of the DSNM. The members who reach the age of 26 may remain in the DSNM in an advisory but non-voting capacity and if elected to a directive organ, they are entitled to speak and to vote.

6. The DSNM organization, like the Communist Party, is organized in accordance with the administrative subdivisions of Bulgaria. On the national level, the directing organs are the congress and the central committee. The congress, which is the supreme organ, meets at least once a year and elects the central committee which, in practice, directs the organization. Subordinate to this, in order of importance, are the committees and conferences of the various okrugs, okoliyas, obshtinas, and villages. The main cities are divided into rayons (eight in Sofia, for example). Each committee, down to and including the rayon has a president, an office, a secretary, and a propaganda-agitation section. The basic cells through which the activities of the DSNM are carried out, are the "societies" which were created in the various sectors of national activity: quarters of cities, villages, agricultural cooperatives, machine-tractor stations, administrations, industrial and commercial enterprises, workshops, schools, military units, and so forth. The members of each "society" are assigned to various units (Zveno) which are directed by a guide (rukovoditel).

7. Within the central committee of DSNM the following sections have been identified:

- a. Foreign Section;
- b. Cadre Section;
- c. Youth brigades;
- d. Septembrists;
- e. Villages;
- f. Physical training;
- g. Information;
- h. Health;
- i. Trudovaks;
- j. Central school for youth; and so forth.

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